

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 31, 2006

The Honorable Condoleezza Rice
Secretary of State
Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Rice,

We are writing to urge you to recommend that President Bush raise the issue of the disappearance of Boris Weisfeiler when he meets with President Michelle Bachelet of Chile on June 8.

Dr. Weisfeiler, a professor at Pennsylvania State University, disappeared while hiking in southern Chile in 1985. Although the Chilean courts are currently looking into the matter, the investigation has made little progress. After twenty-one years of waiting, the Weisfeiler family deserves a full resolution of this case. The United States values its relationship with Chile, and securing justice in this matter will continue to promote honesty and good faith in our relations.

We understand that the U.S. Embassy in Santiago is following this case closely, that you raised this issue with President Bachelet when you were in Santiago in March, and that President Bush brought this case to the attention of former President Ricardo Lagos in 2002. We believe it is necessary for the President to reiterate the importance of this case when he meets with President Bachelet.

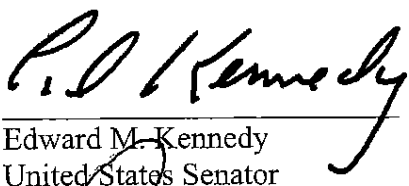
In particular, we hope that President Bachelet will ask her military and intelligence personnel to review their files for information related to Professor Weisfeiler's disappearance and provide information to the courts, and provide the investigating judge with unrestricted access to the files.

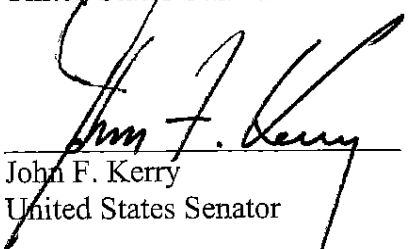
It is our hope that with President Bachelet's cooperation in this matter, the Weisfeiler family may finally find peace in resolving the unanswered questions they have coped with for more than two decades. In addition, we hope that President Bachelet would be able to have a brief meeting with the Weisfeiler family while she is in town.

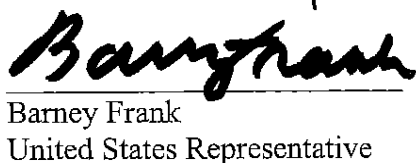
The issue is important for the cause of justice in Chile as well, and we hope that every reasonable effort will be made to resolve it.

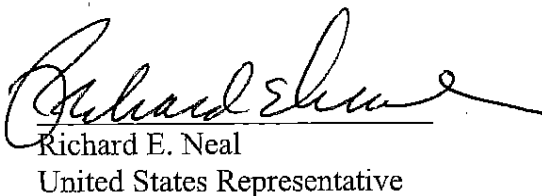
With appreciation and respect, we thank you for your consideration of our request.

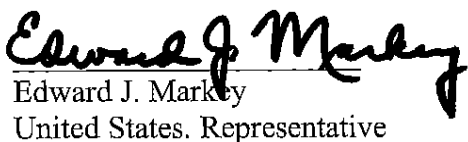
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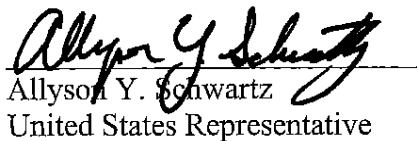

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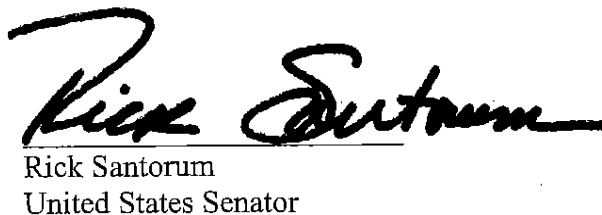

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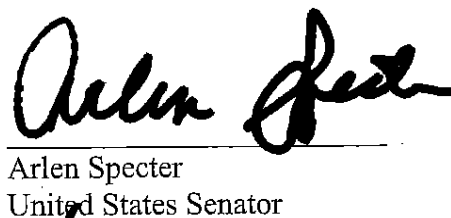

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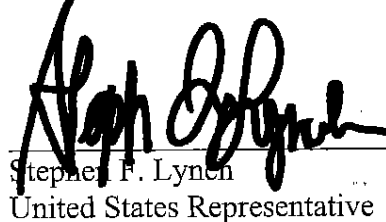

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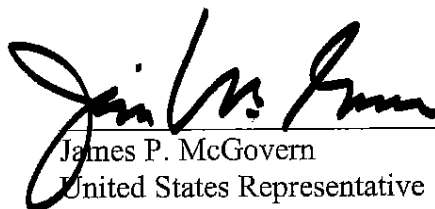

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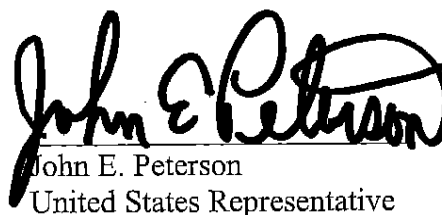

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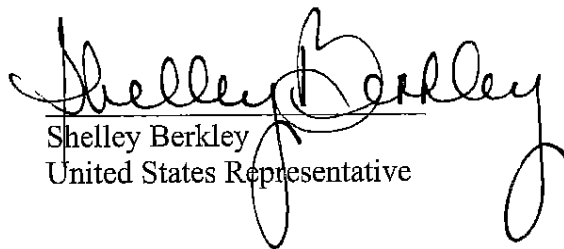

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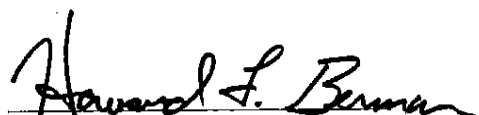

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